

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

December 15, 2006

Message From County Executive Walker

Today, Judge Robert Pekowsky issued a temporary injunction that blocks the county's planned layoffs of courthouse security and maintenance workers and parks maintenance workers until December 27. Pekowsky will hear arguments on that day for a permanent injunction.

Following that ruling, I issued the following statement:

"It is my responsibility as the County Executive to administer a balanced budget for the county. In response to that duty, my administration took action to insure that the 2007 budget is balanced. That action hit a snag today that will cost the county an additional \$250,000 in 2007. In the end, I am confident that the county will prevail but regardless, we will meet our duty to balance the budget."

Scott



Expanded Concourse D Opens At Mitchell Airport



County Executive Scott Walker, Supervisor James White and Midwest Airlines Chairman, President and CEO Tim Hoeksema officially opened the new Concourse D expansion at General Mitchell International Airport on Tuesday.

The project adds 7,120 sq. ft. to the concourse, created new ground-level boarding gates, enlarged airline gate seating areas, created two-story atriums and added food, beverage and retail areas.

Walker said the timing of the renovation coincides well with new southeastern Wisconsin initiatives that draw business investment to the region. "The bright, spacious new gates highlight what makes this such an easy, efficient airport," said Walker. "Mitchell International serves as the front door to the Milwaukee 7 region."

Walker/Curtis Ambulance Deliver Christmas Trees



Walker and Curtis Ambulance CEO Jim Baker deliver Christmas Trees

County Executive Walker helped deliver Christmas trees Tuesday with Curtis Ambulance CEO Jim Baker. The trees were provided by Curtis Ambulance and were donated to local churches, homeless shelters, and meal program sites throughout the Milwaukee area.

Walker Proclaims Wednesday as “Bob Reitman Day”



County Executive Walker presented a proclamation to radio legend Rob Reitman of WKTU to commemorate his retirement after 40 years on the radio, including the last 27 years at WKTU. Walker also gave Reitman a lifetime membership as a Friend of the Mitchell Park Domes and a collection of vintage greeting cards from the Parks Department.

Slice Of Ice Now Open



The ice rink at Red Arrow Park opened for the season last Friday.

Sprecher Brewery sponsored the night's activities which included a figure skating performance by the Milwaukee Figure Skating Club. County Executive Walker officially opened the rink, joined by Roscoe, the Milwaukee Admirals mascot, and the Milwaukee Brewers racing sausages.

The rink is open Monday to Thursday from 2:00pm to 8:00pm, Friday and Saturday from 11:00am to 11:00pm, and Sunday from noon to 6:00pm.

Skating is free and skate rentals are available for \$5.00 per pair for the rest of the season.

Some Opportunities To Catch The Holiday Spirit

The Mitchell Park Domes is featuring their "Peace On Earth" holiday display through January 1. Go to www.countyparks.com for more information.

The Milwaukee County Zoo's Holiday Night Lights continues for this Friday and Saturday. The Zoo will shine with thousands of twinkling lights during this special evening event. Go to www.milwaukeezoo.org for more information.